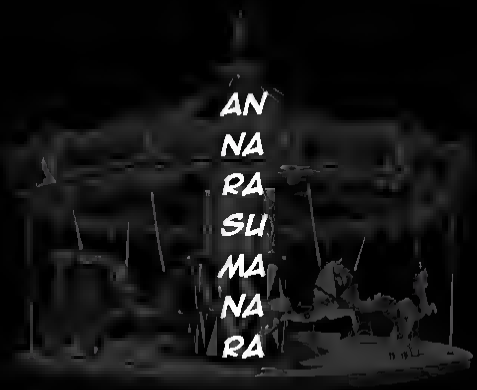

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...I'LL PAY YOU...
SO, FLUNK THE TEST...

...WHAT...

ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT...?

...YOU...
NEED MONEY, DON'T YOU?
.....!!

WHAT THE...

MMM, WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?

HOW DOES HE KNOW I NEED MONEY

I NEVER SHOWED THAT

I NEEDED IT...

OR DOES HE REALLY

WANT TO GET THE FIRST PLACE?

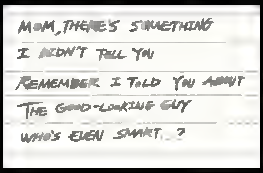
IF NOT...

IS THIS BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPEND YESTEDAY?

THINK ABOUT IT...
YOU HAVE TIME TILL TOMORROW...

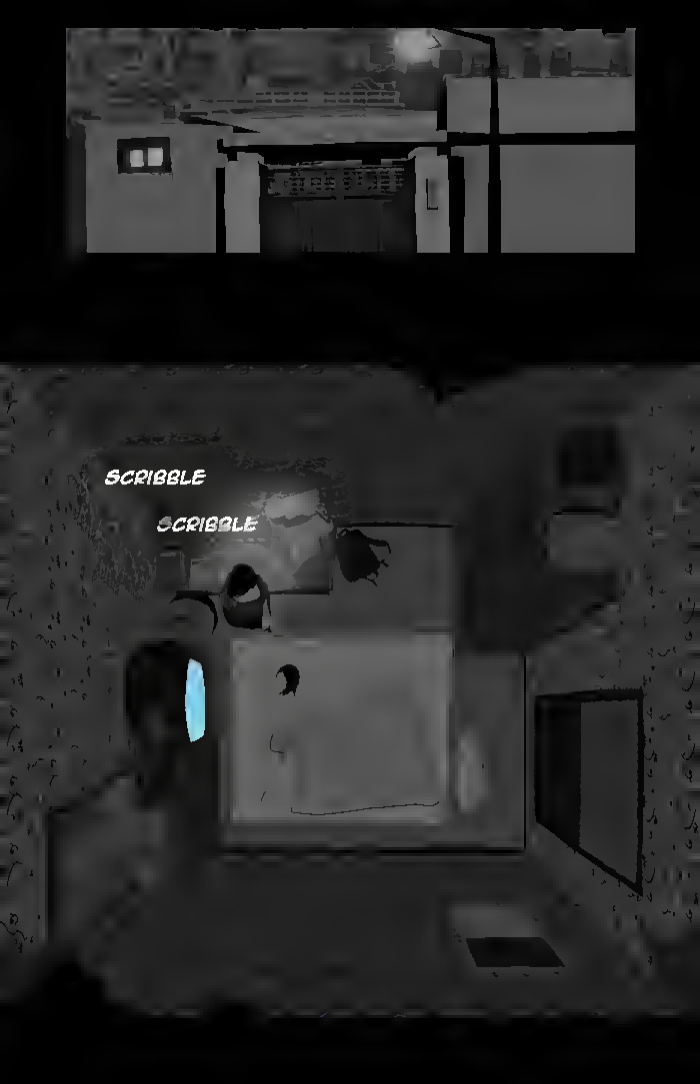
POUND
POUND
POUND

MOM...


MOM, THERE'S SOMETHING
I DIDN'T TELL YOU
REMEMBER I TOLD YOU ABOUT
THE GOOD-LOOKING GUY
WHO'S EVEN SMART...?

HE ASKED ME OUT YESTERDAY

... THAT'S ALL...


SCRIBBLE
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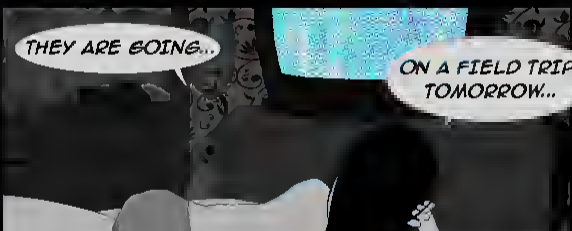
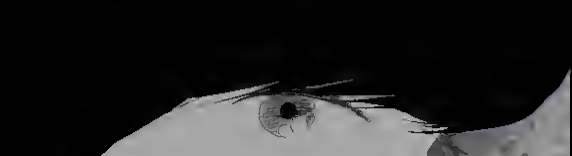
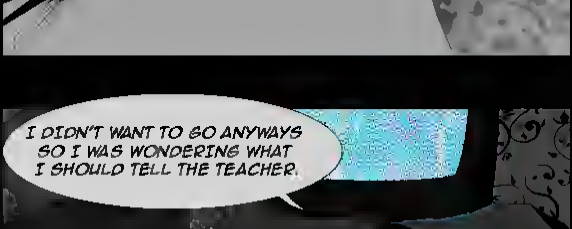
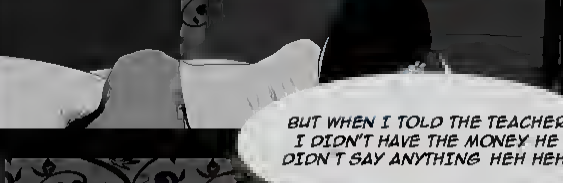
GO TO SLEEP, YUI...
YOU WILL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL TOMORROW.

TICK
TICK
I'M NOT GOING TOMORROW...
...WHAT?


THEY ARE GOING...
ON A FIELD TRIP TOMORROW...

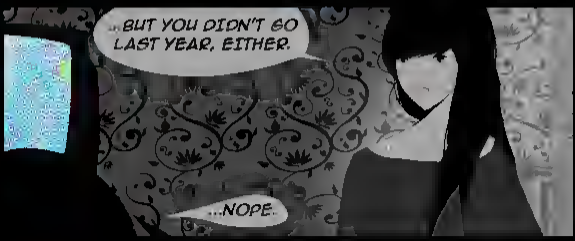



I DIDN'T WANT TO GO ANYWAYS SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT I SHOULD TELL THE TEACHER.


BUT WHEN I TOLD THE TEACHER I DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY HE DIDN T SAY ANYTHING HEH HEH

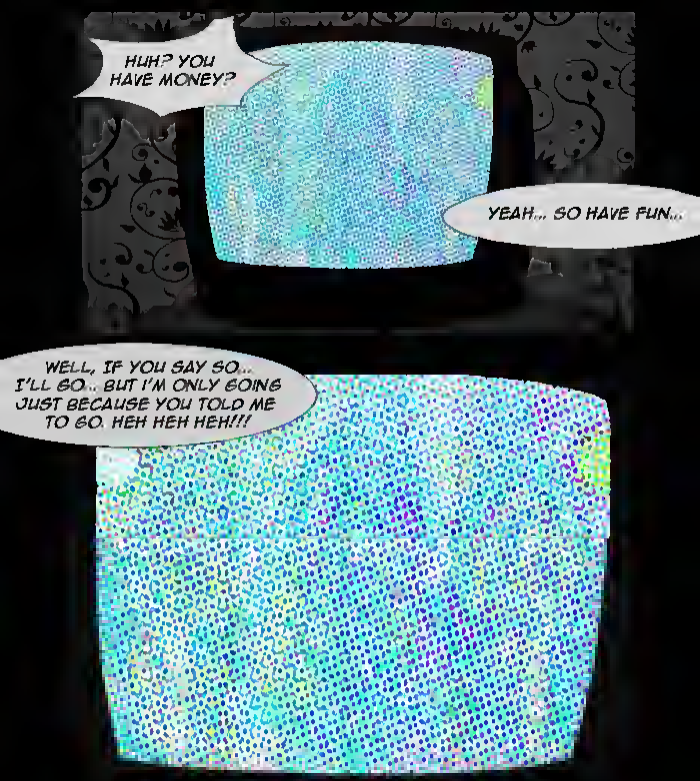
I'M SURE IT'S NO FUN AT ALL.

IT'S WAY BETTER TO STAY HOME FOR TWO DAYS AND DO WHATEVER I WANT. HEH


...BUT YOU DIDN'T GO LAST YEAR, EITHER.
...NOPE.

AND THE YEAR BEFORE...?
...NOPE.

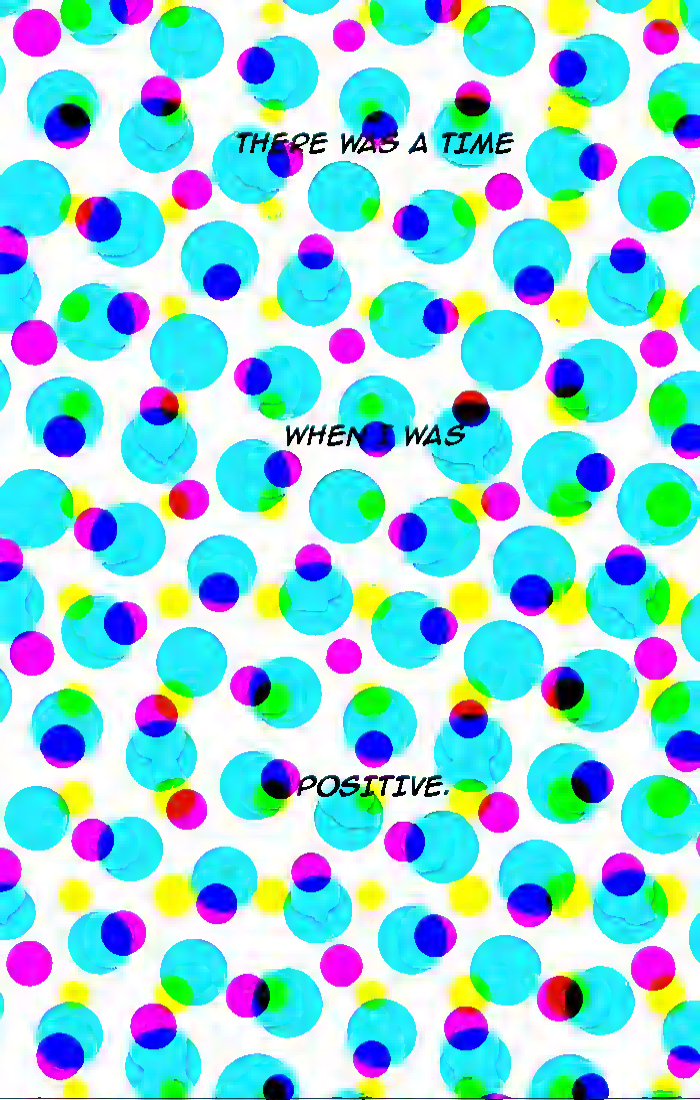
GO TO THE FIELD TRIP
I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY FOR IT..


HUH? YOU HAVE MONEY?
YEAH... SO HAVE FUN...
WELL, IF YOU SAY SO... I'LL GO... BUT I'M ONLY GOING JUST BECAUSE YOU TOLD ME TO GO. HEH HEH HEH!!!

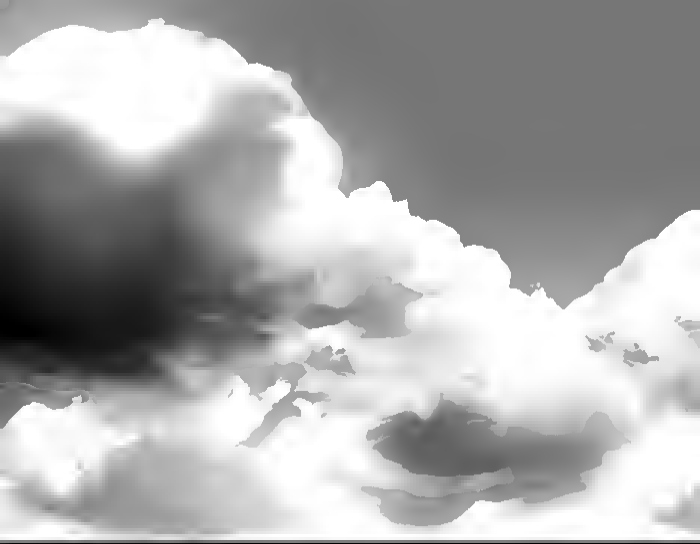
I THOUGHT THE ONLY WAY
OUT FROM THIS POVERTY WAS
TO STUDY AS HARD AS I COULD...

BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY
THING I CAN DO RIGHT NOW.

IF I STUDY HARD AND KEEP MAINTAINING IN THE TOP GROUP I'LL GET INTO A GOOD COLLEGE...
THEN, THINGS WILL GO ON FROM THERE.
LIKE THAT,


THERE WAS A TIME
WHEN I WAS
POSITIVE.

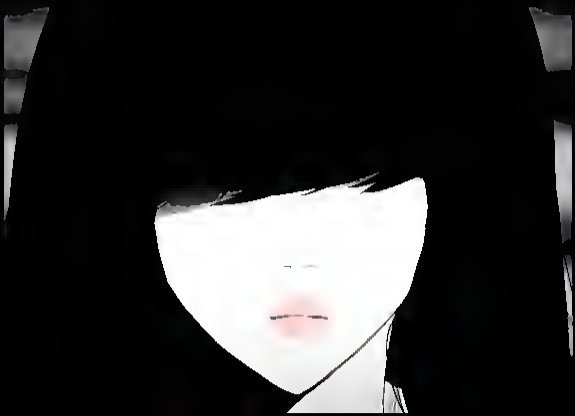
IT WAS FOOLISH OF ME.



LATER...

WHEN I GROW UP AND EARN LOTS OF MONEY,

I'LL BUY MY PRIDE BACK...



SO, I'LL SELL MY PRIDE JUST FOR NOW...

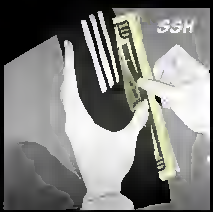
THAT WILL BE ALRIGHT...
RIGHT, YUN AI?

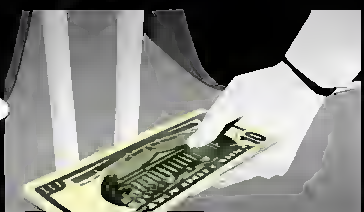
I WILL DO IT...

...DO YOU HAVE A SCORE IN MIND?

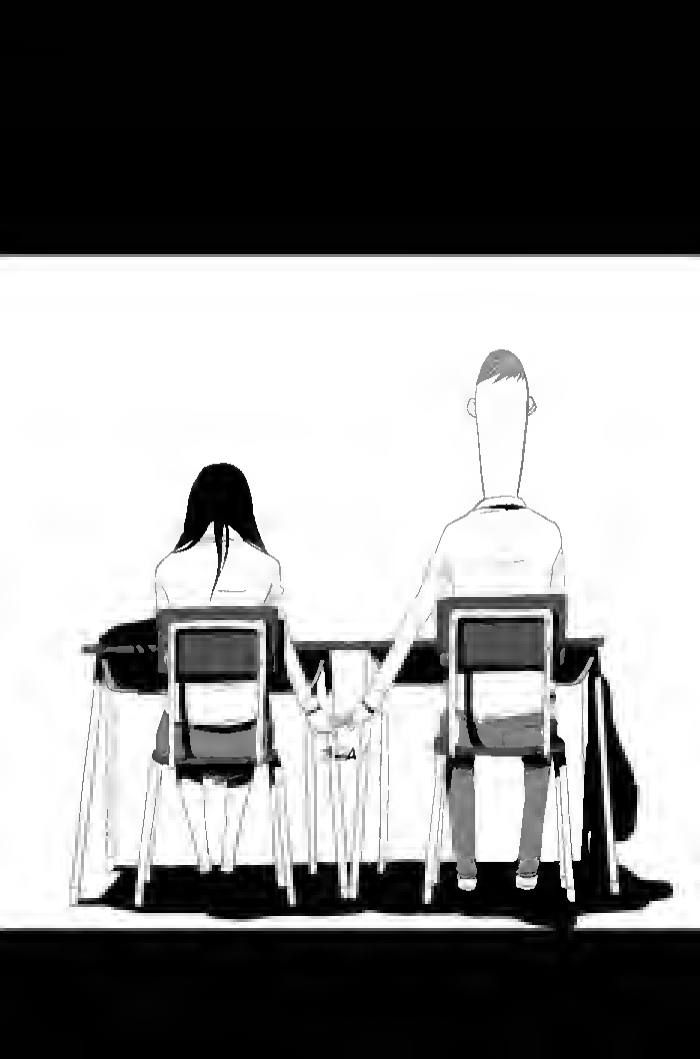
HOW MUCH...
...WILL YOU GIVE ME?
I'LL PAY YOU $200 NOW..
AND $300 MORE AFTER CONFIRMING THE SCORE

...OKAY...





...HERE...



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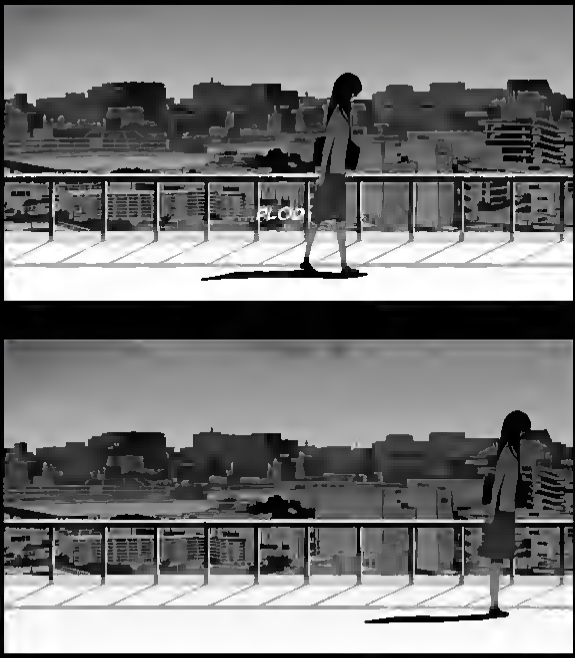

MOM I TOOK

THE MIDTERM EXAM TODAY

BUT I DIDN'T DO WELL ON THE MATH TEST

IT WASN'T SO HARD

IT REALLY WASN'T THAT HARD

I JUST... DIDN'T STUDY MUCH...

So I did poor
on the test

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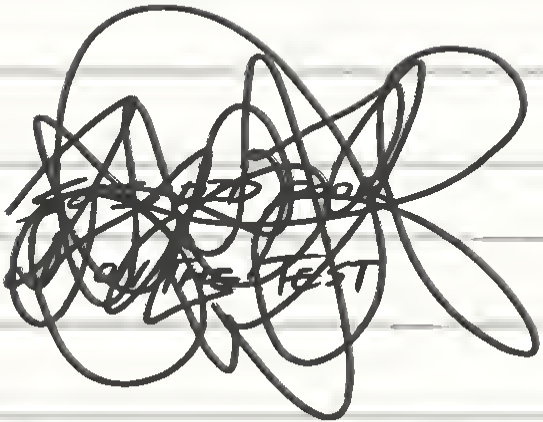

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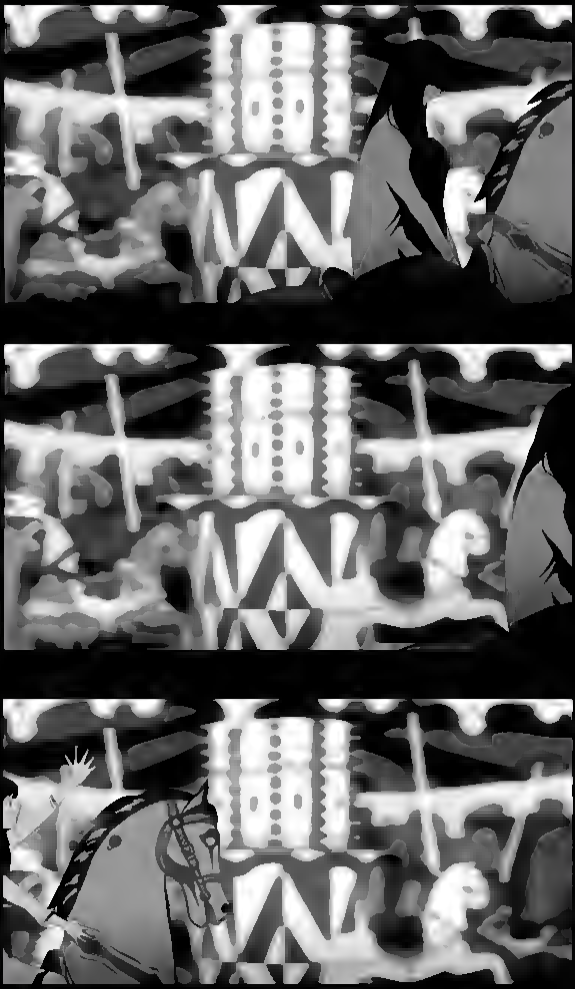
#09. 〈INQUIRY〉
WHY DID I COME HERE...
I PROMISED MYSELF
I WOULDN'T COME AGAIN...

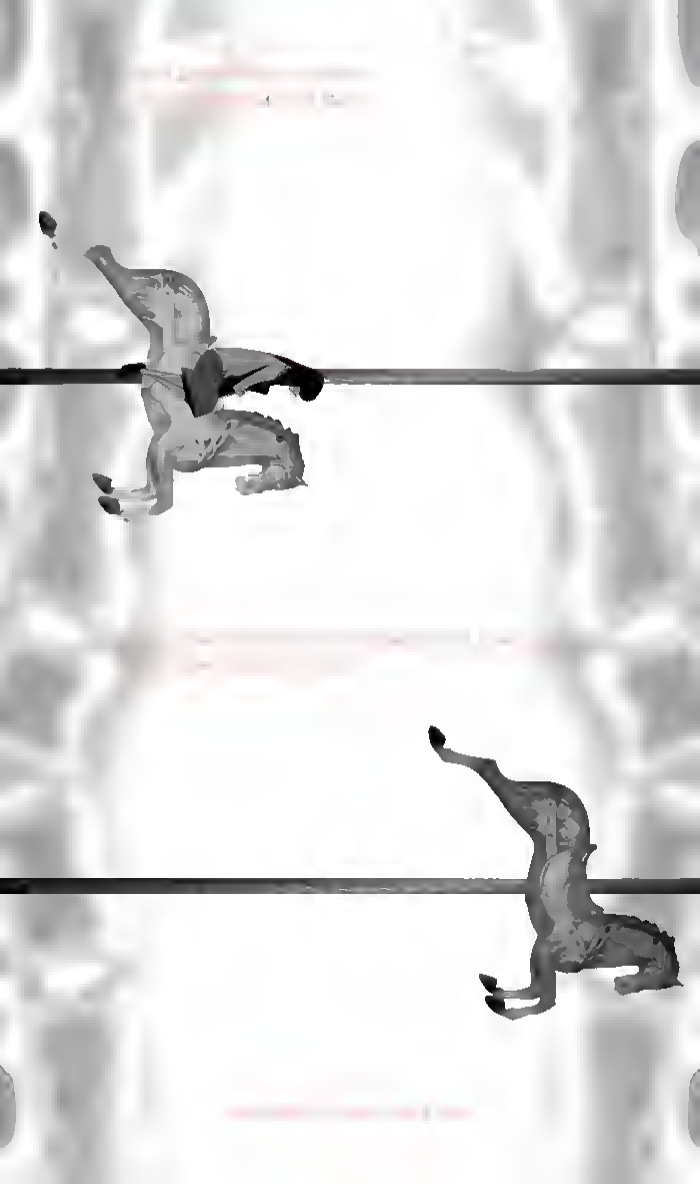
...BUT THERE'S NO OTHER PLACE TO BE ALONE...

!!
...NO THANKS... I'M LEAVING
I JUST CAME TO TAKE WHAT I LEFT HERE BEFORE...
SWISH
...OF COURSE... HE'S HERE...
...IT'S OKAY...
I'LL GIVE YOU A FREE RIDE...

NO, THANKS.
YOU'LL SAY STUPID THINGS LIKE IT'S REAL MAGIC JUST LIKE THE LAST TIME...
NOPE...
I'M JUST GOING TO TURN THE SWITCH ON...
SSH
PRESS

PATTLE





HAVE YOU..
..DECIDED TO GO THE MAGIC SHOW WITH ME??? IS THAT WHY YOU'RE HERE?

...NO.
LIAR.
THERE YOU LIE AGAIN..
WHY DOES A SUCH PURE GIRL LIKE YOU KEEPS ON LYING..?

HO...
...WHAT... WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
I'M NOT PURE AT ALL...
I'M SO CONTAMINATED...
...NO... I KNOW YOU'RE PURE AND INNOCENT.

ANYONE WHO LIKES MAGIC...
IS ALL PURE AND INNOCENT.

LET'S DO MAGIC TOGETHER..
...DO WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO...

HE'S DRIVING ME CRAZY
YOU THINK I DON'T WANT TO DO WHAT I LIKE?
I REALLY WANT TO LEARN MAGIC SERIOUSLY!!!
I REALLY WANTED TO BECOME
LIKE YOU!!!!
I WANTED TO BE A MAGICIAN.
...MISTER...

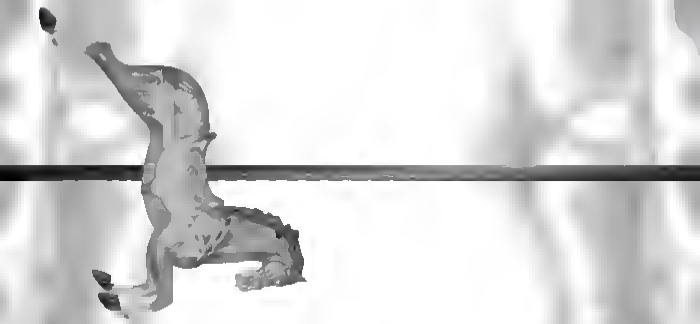
NOT EVERYBODY CAN LIVE DOING THINGS THEY LIKE... LIKE YOU DO...
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DOWN...?
I'M NOT SAYING THAT YOU SHOULD ONLY DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

I'M JUST SAYING YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS MUCH AS YOU DO THE THINGS THAT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO...
THAT'S LIFE, ISN'T IT?

THIS MAGICIAN IS LIKE THE YOUNG AI

HE'S SAYING THINGS THAT THE LITTLE AI WOULD SAY.

WORDS THAT ARE
CHILDISH, IMMATURE,

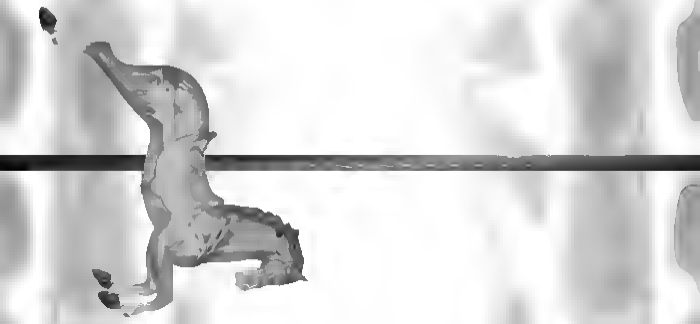


AND BEYOND REALITY

BUT, STILL

THE MAGICIAN'S WORDS

ARE INTERESTING



THEY BRING OUT

THE CHILDHOOD MEMORY
I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER.
BUT AT THE SAME TIME,

...MAKE ME REALIZE
...ECIOUS FEELINGS.

JUST LIKE MAGIC.